

Tasking Memorandum No. 99-17

Memorandum For Defense Corporate Executives (DCEs)

Subject: Questionnaire on Potential Changes to Total Cost Accounting Standards (CAS)
Covered Dollars per Segment if Individual Contract Thresholds are Increased
(TASKING)

Date: October 22, 1998

Suspense Date: November 13, 1998

Target Audience: DCEs

Requirements:

- As part of the acquisition reform process, Congress directed the United States General Accounting Office to convene a panel of experts from Government and industry, of which I am a member, to study, analyze and report on the role and mission of the Cost Accounting Standards Board (CASB). One task of the panel is to determine if the current thresholds for CAS coverage should be raised. To assist the panel in assessing the effect of possible increases to the thresholds for CAS coverage on business segments or units, a spreadsheet was developed to accumulate data at the individual contract threshold level to determine the decreases in the number of CAS-covered segments or business units at various levels. This will help to determine the additional risk and impact of increasing CAS thresholds.
- To compile a database that can be used by the panel to iterate various threshold scenarios, the Defense Contract Management Command is coordinating with the Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA) to gather data on contracts by business segment, stratified by a dollar criterion. The following DCEs will be responsible for disseminating and gathering information for each business segment in their corporation to be input into the database:

Stephen E. Trautwein	Boeing Company
Ray Eichman	General Dynamics
Kenneth Cavoli	General Electric
Donald Springer	Northrop Grumman
Louis Becker	Lockheed Martin
Herbert Homer	Raytheon
Richard Conroy	Textron
David O'Brien	TRW, Inc.
Alan Tinti	United Technologies

- The information must be input into an Excel Version 4 spreadsheet, which will be forwarded to DCEs electronically via e:mail. The spreadsheet must be completed by Administrative Contracting Officers (ACOs) for each CAS covered business unit in the corporation. The DCEs will be responsible for merging the data from the corporation's business units into one spreadsheet, listing the information for each business unit and the associated data separately. The information should be electronically transmitted to

Ms. Patricia Kobus, Business Practices and Contract Payment Team (DCMC-OC), at tricia_kobus@hq.dla.mil by close of business November 13, 1998. For more detailed instructions, see Attachment 1.

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Attachments

1. Data Collection Instructions
2. DCAA memo